

Year 1 Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

In Phonics, we have continued with the Phase 5 alternative spelling patterns. This week, we have learnt 'e-e' as in these, 'ew' as in grew, 'ie' as in field and 'aw' as in straw. Our tricky words for the week have been: house, mouse, water and want. These are the words the children need to be able to sight read.

In Maths, we have focused on subtraction. We started by counting objects and taking them away or crossing them out. Next week, we will continue with subtraction and begin to explore mental strategies.

In Science, we have been learning about different animal groups and sorted animals into their sets - mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish. We enjoyed learning about the similarities and differences of the animals. We then drew and labelled a favourite animal for each group.

This week, we have begun our Design and Technology topic: Cooking and Nutrition. We began by exploring different foods and sorted them into two categories, 'fruits' and 'non-fruits'. We noticed that many foods we refer to as vegetables are actually fruits (e.g. peppers). Next week, we will be exploring the places where fruits and vegetables grow.

Finally, we would like to invite you to our **Year 1 Christmas Open Door**. We would like to invite a maximum of 2 people per child, this can include a younger sibling, however we do ask that there are no prams in the classrooms. **1H's open door will be on Tuesday 12th December** and **1N will have theirs on Thursday 14th December**. Both sessions will **start at 9.10am and finish at 9.40am**.

Important dates:

Tuesday 12th December: 1H Christmas Open Door (9.10am-9.40am)

Wednesday 13th December: Reindeer Run

Thursday 14th December: 1N Christmas Open Door (9.10am-9.40am)

Thursday 14th December: Whole School Christmas Carols (outside, 4.30pm)

Monday 18th December: Year 1 Christmas Party

Thursday 21st December: Christmas Jumper Day

Many Thanks,

Miss Hepworth and Miss Nicholson

